

Observer to the Student Senate

9/15/15 Report to PAT Senate

Report from: Brian Dye

- The Student Body President & VP (Janet Currier and Felicia Muse), with the Student Senate Speaker & Vice-Speaker (Shannon Spaulding and Jacob Shairs), released the following statement to the Student Body on September 8th, welcoming them back to campus and responding to summer events:

To our fellow students,

We welcome you all to campus for the start of this new academic year. As we start this year, we, the Plymouth State University Student Government, felt it was necessary to comment on some of the events that happened within our nation this August. This past summer, the United States witnessed multiple events concerning white supremacy beginning with rallies in Charlottesville, Virginia, and unfortunately spreading to other parts of the nation. These events have caused widespread concern over the issues of white supremacy and racism.

Our community is committed to being a tolerant and open-minded campus. Here at Plymouth State, we expect our peers to be respectful of one another.

Plymouth has a green light status for freedom of speech, expression and assembly with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. We understand that everyone here has a right to speak their mind in an appropriate manner, but violence is not an acceptable form of this right.

Our community will not condone the actions of those who commit any acts of violence. Actions of violence especially based on race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation will not be tolerated on the PSU campus.

We hope that you have a safe and exciting year. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email at psu-senate@plymouth.edu, or, stop into one of our weekly meetings. Our first meeting is this Sunday, September 10th, at 7pm in HUB 119.

Janet Currier

Student Body President

Felicia Muse

Student Body Vice President

Shannon Spaulding

Student Senate Speaker

Jacob Shairs

Student Senate Vice Speaker

- The first meeting of the semester was on 9/10/17
- The guest Speaker was Steve Temperino. Chief Temperino provide updates and answered questions on the following topics: parking, ballards, cameras, guest policy, website updates, and flood warnings.
- The report from administration came from Mark Fischler. VP Fischler updated the Senate that he was stepping down as VP of student affairs and would be returning to the faculty after a sabbatical. Questions were asked about the administrative transition, the purchase of the church, and Panthers Days.

- A change to the meeting day was discussed and tabled.
- Senate will be hosting a meet-and-greet with the student body this week on Alumni Green (Wed. 6-8)
- Finance committee set the CEA (conf./event and activity) dates for this semester (Oct. 3 and Nov. 14)
- There are numerous groups entering into emerging org status, Senate expects to hear several proposals from prospective organizations in the next month
- There were constituent concerns provided about Panther Days, which were passed along for consideration as feedback for the program.
- Student Government Nominations and Elections took place last week through this week, and results will be announced later today.
- This Sunday, Sept. 17th is the Fall Retreat for Student Senate. There will be no meeting this Sunday, as the off-campus retreat is all day.
- The next Senate meeting will be Sept. 24, 2017 at 6pm in HUB 119.